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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY INSIGHTS INTO FRENCH RESEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT POLICY

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1. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION: THE GOF'S PROPOSED  
1175 BUDGET FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACCORDS WITH  
OUR EXPECTATIONS OF THE NEW GISCARDIEN GOVERNMENT. IT  
IS PRAGMATIC AND POSITIVE. PRIORITIES ARE ON AREAS WITH  
DOMESTIC SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELEVANCE: 1) QUALITY OF  
LIFE (HEALTH, WORKING CONDITIONS, ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING,  
TRANSPORTATION, ETC.); 2) EXPLOITATION OF ENERGY AND  
OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES, AND 3) INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS.  
DELIBERATELY DEFLATED IS THE GAULLIST STRATEGY OF DE-  
VELOPING THE PRESTIGE BIG TECHNOLOGIES. A GREATER  
ROLE IN THIS DOMAIN IS FORESEEN FOR PRIVATE INDUSTRY.  
HOWEVER, THIS TREND WAS UNDERWAY UNDER THE POMPIDOU  
REGIME, AND, ON CLOSER LOOK THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S PRO-  
GRAM WILL NOT MARK ANY RADICAL DEPARTURE. IN FACT,  
THE CIVILIAN RESEARCH BUDGET IN 1975 WILL STAY AT  
VIRTUALLY THE SAME LEVEL AS 1974 IN TERMS OF REAL,  
INFLATION-CORRECTED FUNDING. THE FRENCH SPACE PROGRAM  
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WILL LIMP ALONG WITH A MODERATE DECREASE IN REAL TERMS.

SUPPORT FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL R & D IS SLATED  
FOR SIGNIFICANT INCREASES. END SUMMARY

2. IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH PARIS DAILY  
"LE FIGARO" ON 30 AUGUST, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND  
RESEARCH MICHEL D'ORNANO ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEW GOVERN-  
MENT'S OVERALL CIVIL R & D BUDGET WOULD BE RAISED TO 8  
BILLION FRANCS (1.6 BILLION DOLLARS), UP 1 BILLION OR 14  
PERCENT FROM 1974. (AFTER CORRECTION FOR INFLATION,  
THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF AT THE MOST A FEW PER-  
CENT.)

3. D'ORNANO STATED THAT THE GREATER PART OF THE OBJECT-  
IVES OF THE MAJOR NUCLEAR, COMPUTER, AND SPACE PROGRAMS  
OF THE 1960'S HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED. WITHIN NEXT FEW  
YEARS IT WOULD BE LARGELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF INDUSTRY  
TO CARRY ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THESE FIELDS. NEW PRIORI-  
TIES ARE CALLED FOR NOW, D'ORNANO CONTENDED: IMPROVE-  
MENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE (HEALTH, NUTRITION, HOUSING,  
TRANSPORTATION, WORKING CONDITIONS, NOISE AND OTHER  
NUISANCES, AND ENVIRONMENT), THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW  
SOURCES OF ENERGY, INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF RAW MATERI-  
ALS AND GREATER UTILIZATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND,  
FINALLY, THE IMPROVEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH.

4. HE CONTINUED THAT FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH MUST CONTINUE  
TO GROW AND THIS CAN ONLY OCCUR IF THE HUMAN INVESTMENT  
IS INCREASED AND IF OLDER SCIENTISTS WHO HAVE ALREADY  
MADE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MOVED INTO NEW FIELDS  
TO MAKE ROOM FOR YOUNGER SCIENTISTS. FUNDAMENTAL  
RESEARCH MUST, HOWEVER, ADAPT ITSELF TO THE NEW  
PRIORITIES OF THESE NEW THEMES.

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5. FROM AN ORGANIZATIONAL PERSPECTIVE, D'ORNANO NOTED THAT THESE NEW DIRECTIONS CALLED FOR A REORIENTATION OF AGENCIES SUCH AS THE CEA (ATOMIC ENERGY) AND THE CNES (SPACE) AND FOR A GREATER ROLE FOR BGRM (MINING AND PETROLEUM RESEARCH AND EXPLORATION) INRA (AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH) AND INSERM (MEDICAL RESEARCH). AT THIS POINT IN TIME, D'ORNANO IS NOT SURE HOW THE LATTER THREE AGENCIES WILL BE EVENTUALLY ORGANIZED TO ADAPT TO THE NEW PRIORITIES. HE IS CHARGING THE DGRST (GOF'S CENTRAL RESEARCH PLANNING ORGANIZATION) TO STUDY THE WAYS AND MEANS FOR REORIENTING THE GOVERNMENT R & D ESTABLISHMENT TOWARD MEETING ITS NEW OBJECTIVES.

6. COMMENT: WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON D'ORNANO'S REMARKS, DGRST BUDGET EXPERT JEAN CASTEX TOLD SCIATT THAT THE L3 PERCENT INCREASE WILL PROBABLY JUST BALANCE THE INFLATION RATE AND, THEREFORE, THE 1975 BUDGET REPRESENTS NO ADDITIONAL REAL MONEY OVER 1974. THE SPACE BUDGET, WHILE SHOWING A NUMERICAL RISE, WILL ACTUALLY DIMINISH WHEN CORRECTED FOR INFLATION. ENERGY-RELATED PROGRAMS WILL IN GENERAL RECEIVE REAL INCREASES. TO ACHIEVE SUCH GAINS, CASTEX CONTINUED, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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STILL GIVE NEW EMPHASIS TO PROGRAMS RELATED TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE. OPERATIONS EXPENSES WILL BE REDUCED AND THERE WILL BE VERY LITTLE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS. PROVIDING POSITIONS FOR NEWLY GRADUATING SCIENTISTS WILL BE A SERIOUS PROBLEM BECAUSE IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO INDUCE OLDER SCIENTISTS AND RESEARCH ENGINEERS TO SEEK OPPORTUNITIES ELSEWHERE. D'ORNANO'S INTERVIEW, HE ADDED, SUMMARISES PROPOSALS WHICH WILL BE MADE TO THE INTERMINISTERIAL R & D BUDGET COMMITTEE (SEE SECTION 3B OF REF A) WHEN IT MEETS IN OCTOBER. THUS, HE CONCLUDED, THERE MAY STILL BE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE 1975 CIVIL R & D PROGRAM.

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